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1. [redacted] on 29 May 1948 one battalion of the 14th Infantry Regiment left Petric for maneuvers in the high ground between Sveti Vrach and Nevrokop. This battalion was observed to be equipped with a large number of mortars.
2. On 1 June 1948, unspecified army detachments started laying minefields in the immediate frontier area between Piperitaa and Krasokhor (sic). At other unspecified points along the frontier further minefields were laid. At the same time, in the villages in the frontier area all the male inhabitants from 18 to 50 were conscripted in turn for two weeks' compulsory labor, and in the southeast corner of Novo Hojovo two brick warehouses, measuring 12 by 8 meters, were under construction.
3. On 5 June, special notifications were issued to all reservists born after 1912 and living in villages in the Petric-Nevrokop-Sveti Vrach area, instructing them where to report, should their age-groups be called up.
4. Finally [redacted] between 29 May and 7 June, small detachments of officers and men from the 14th Infantry Regiment at Petric and the 39th Infantry Regiment from Nevrokop carried out a reconnaissance of the frontier between these two towns. The purpose of this reconnaissance was unknown.

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